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REF: A) USNATO 4508

B) USNATO 4612

1. CONVERSATION BETWEEN U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE AND SENIOR OFFICER IN ROYAL NETHERLANDS NAVY (RNLN) REVEALED THAT RNLN DESIRES THAT US CONCUR IN FORMATION OF MARITIME SUB-GROUP (REF. B). RNLN ALSO FEELS STRONGLY THAT SACLANT AND CINCHAN SHOULD BE REPRESENTED IN SUB-GROUP (REF. A).

2. RNLN PARTICULARLY DESIRES THAT CAPT. ARIE C. SIGMUND, USN, CINCUSNAVEUR STAFF, BE REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUB-GROUP AS U.S. NAVY MEMBER. (CAPT. SIGMUND IS EX-DUTCH CITIZEN AND SPEAKS FLUENT DUTCH.)

3. RNLN AT FIRST WAS AGAINST NAVY BEING INCLUDED IN SPECIALIZATION STUDY BUT NOW FEELS THE STUDY MUST GO FORWARD. THEY EXPECT STUDY TO SUPPORT THEIR CONCLUSUION THAT RNLN CANNOT GIVE UP ANY OF ITS
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ROLES AND/OR MISSIONS. THEY CAN USE THIS CONCLUSION WITH THEIR

MOD TO BOLSTER THEIR POSITION AND RECEIVE FUNDS FOR PATROL
FRIGATES AND LONG RANGE MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT.

4. FACT THAT RNLN HAS INDICATED ITS INTEREST IN CAPTAIN SIGMUND'S
PARTICIPATION IN NAVY STUDY SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED OUTSIDE US
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